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SUBJECT: ENERGY: NATURAL GAS PRICE

1. DURING COURSE OF OPENING STATEMENT AT FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL ENERGY CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 22, PREMIER BARRETT STATED THAT BRITISH COLUMBIA ENERGY COMMISSION NOW CALCULATES CURRENT COMPETITIVE ENERGY VALUE FOR B.C. GAS AT THE U.S. BORDER TO BE \$1.35 PER MCF, OR MORE THAN TWICE EXPORT PRICE OF 61 CENTS SET ON NOVEMBER 13. THEREFORE, HE STATED, NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD WILL BE ASKED IN NEAR FUTURE TO SANCTION FURTHER PRICE INCREASES. BARRETT ADDED THAT IF THIS CURRENT COMPETITIVE VALUE FOR GAS EXPORTS WERE PAID IN 1974, EXPORT REVENUES FOR ALL OF CANADA WOULD INCREASE BY \$911 MILLION, OF WHICH B.C'S GAS ALONE WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$215 MILLION.

2. IN DEPARTURE FROM PREPARED TEXT, BARRETT ALSO DECLARED HIS OPPOSITION TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE MACKENZIE VALLEY GAS PIPELINE.

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